

Iowa Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program

Brief Overview

Health Resources Services Administration provides \$7,740,642 annually to Iowa for maternal, infant and early childhood home visitation programs. Contractors are required to use evidence-based home visiting models and establish quantifiable, measurable benchmarks that demonstrate:

- improvements in maternal and child health,
- childhood injury prevention,
- school readiness and achievement,
- crime or domestic violence,
- family economic self-sufficiency, and coordination with community resources and supports.

Iowa Priorities:

- Increase the number of families served by evidence-based home visiting programs in at-risk communities
- Develop a statewide maternal, infant and early childhood home visiting data systems capabilities
- Reduce barriers to access to health care, mental health care, substance abuse treatment and counseling, and dental care for low income families
- Develop home visiting infrastructure with focus on quality and systems coordination
- Support healthy home environments and stable family relationships to protect families from domestic violence and child abuse and neglect



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Statewide Infrastructure Building Activities

- Access to Web-Based Data Collection and Reporting System
- Statewide Coordinated Intake System for Family Support Services and Early Intervention
- Exploration of creative uses of tele-health technology to enhance family support services
- Creation of the virtual home visitor system
- Development of a Learning Management System for family support field staff
- Creation of endorsements/specializations for family support field staff
- Development of a "Q" score for family support workers
- Family Support workforce study and plan to diversify the field
- Home Visiting Evaluation
- Family Support Competency requirements for workers and supervisors
- Family Support Research summit

MIECHV Home Visiting Contractors

Community Service Area	Contractor	Sub-Contractors	Model	Planned Capacity	Annual Funding
Appanoose/Wapello	Southern Iowa Economic Association	Children and Families of Iowa	Healthy Families America	40	\$275,000
Black Hawk	Operation Threshold	Tri-County Family and Child Council Lutheran Services in Iowa	Healthy Families America	55	\$475,000
			Home-based Early Head Start	35	
Buena Vista	Upper Des Moines Opportunity	N/A	Home-based Early Head Start	6	\$60,000
Cerro Gordo	Lutheran Services in Iowa	N/A	Healthy Families America	36	\$180,000
Clinton, Muscatine, Scott	Lutheran Services in Iowa	Genesis Health Systems Clinton Visiting Nurse Association	Healthy Families America	299	\$1,607,252
			Nurse Family Partnership	62	
Des Moines, Lee	Lee County Public Health	Des Moines County Public Health	Healthy Families America	50	\$320,000
Hamilton, Webster	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	\$90,000
Jefferson	Lutheran Services in Iowa	N/A	Healthy Families America	12	\$60,000
Marshall	Mid Iowa Community Action	N/A	Home-based Early Head Start	9	\$90,000
Montgomery, Page, Pottawattamie	Promise Partners	Southwest Iowa Families West Central Development Corporation Visiting Nurse Association of Omaha	Healthy Families America	30	\$495,000
			Home-based Early Head Start	24	
			Nurse Family Partnership	50	
Woodbury	Siouxland Human Investment Partnership	Siouxland Health Department Crittenton Center Lutheran Services in Iowa Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Healthy Families America	84	\$555,000
			Home-based Early Head Start	27	

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